

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

30 November 2007 (Friday)

Misner Room

Present: Jane Brazell , Derek Buescher, Jordan Conley, Alyce DeMarais , Brad Dillman, Greg Elliott, Leon Grunberg, Fred Hamel, Kriszta Kotsis, Mary Rose Lamb (Chair) , Lynda Livingston, Paul Loeb, Bob Matthews, John McCuiston, Brad Richards, Elise Richman, Brad Tomhave, Barbara Warren, Carrie Washburn , Jenny Wrobel

The gathered Committee expressed appreciation to Chair Lamb for providing us with coffee at this early hour

Call to order. Chair Lamb called the meeting to order at 8:05.

Remarks by the Chair: There were no opening remarks.

Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2007: In the minutes of November 2, 2007, Brad Richards was incorrectly identified as responding to a query on behalf of the working group considering the connections core. The response came from someone else in the working group. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements:

The meeting time for Spring Term is set at 9:00 Fridays.

Consideration of a request by Working Group 3

Working Group 3 brought to the Committee a course proposed for the Connections Core. Several issues were discussed.

1. Although the proposed course included material from science, the working group felt that it was primarily a disciplinary course. In discussion, the Committee raised concerns that science was not developed as "mode of inquiry" in the course but was an object to be used in the course.
2. The science component of the course was to be substantially provided for by outside speakers. The Committee discussed how the issues of multiple disciplines could be addressed by one instructor. The Committee felt that this would be possible in many cases, but that addressing a disciplinary view only through outside speakers might present a problem.
3. The Committee discussed whether the criteria for the Connections Core should be modified in light of the discussions over several meetings.

After considerable discussion of the issues raised by Working Group 3, the Committee decided to reject the proposed course as a course meeting the Connections Core requirement, and to ask Working Group 3 to return the proposal back to the proposer with the concerns raised by the Committee. The Committee noted that the Connections Core was under review this year, and that it would be appropriate for Working Group 3 and the Committee to consider possible clarification and modification of the current legislation for the Connections Core. Such changes would need to be approved by the full Faculty.

The Committee commended Working Group 3 for its work on this issue.

Working Group Reports:

WG 1: WG 1 has recently been assigned work.

WG 2: **Loeb**, on behalf of WG 2 **M/S/P** approval of the following courses::

- 1) COMMUNICATIONS 109, The Rhetoric of Social Justice, by James Jasinski, a Seminar in Writing and Rhetoric
- 2) EXERCISE SCIENCE 124, Disasters, by Barbara Warren, a SCIS course

WG 3: Report given above.

WG 4: Nothing to report.

WG 5: WG 5 is studying the Art Department Curriculum Review and the Special Interdisciplinary program.

Other business: There was no other business.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **McCuistion M/S/P** we adjourn, and we did adjourn at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Matthews